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National Road
1806 - 1818

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

National Road

AND/OR COMMON

Rt. 40

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

N/A

CITY, TOWN

N/A

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State Highway Administration

Telephone #: 383-4200

STREET & NUMBER

300 W. Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MIT County Index for Survey 89-665 AL-4

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

1806-1818

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Increased migration and settlement in the Midwest early in the nineteenth century prompted the first federally funded internal improvement--the National Road. Legislation passed in 1806 authorized construction of the 130 mile road that reached Wheeling in 1818.

The road originally followed Braddock's first route over Haystack Mountain but was changed in the 1830's to travel through the Narrows. The original road, from Cumberland to Wheeling, was later extended further westward. 1

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegheny County-A History (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing, Co., 1976) pp 100-104.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Stegmaier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

HISTORICAL MARKERS

The National Road
(called the Cumberland Road)

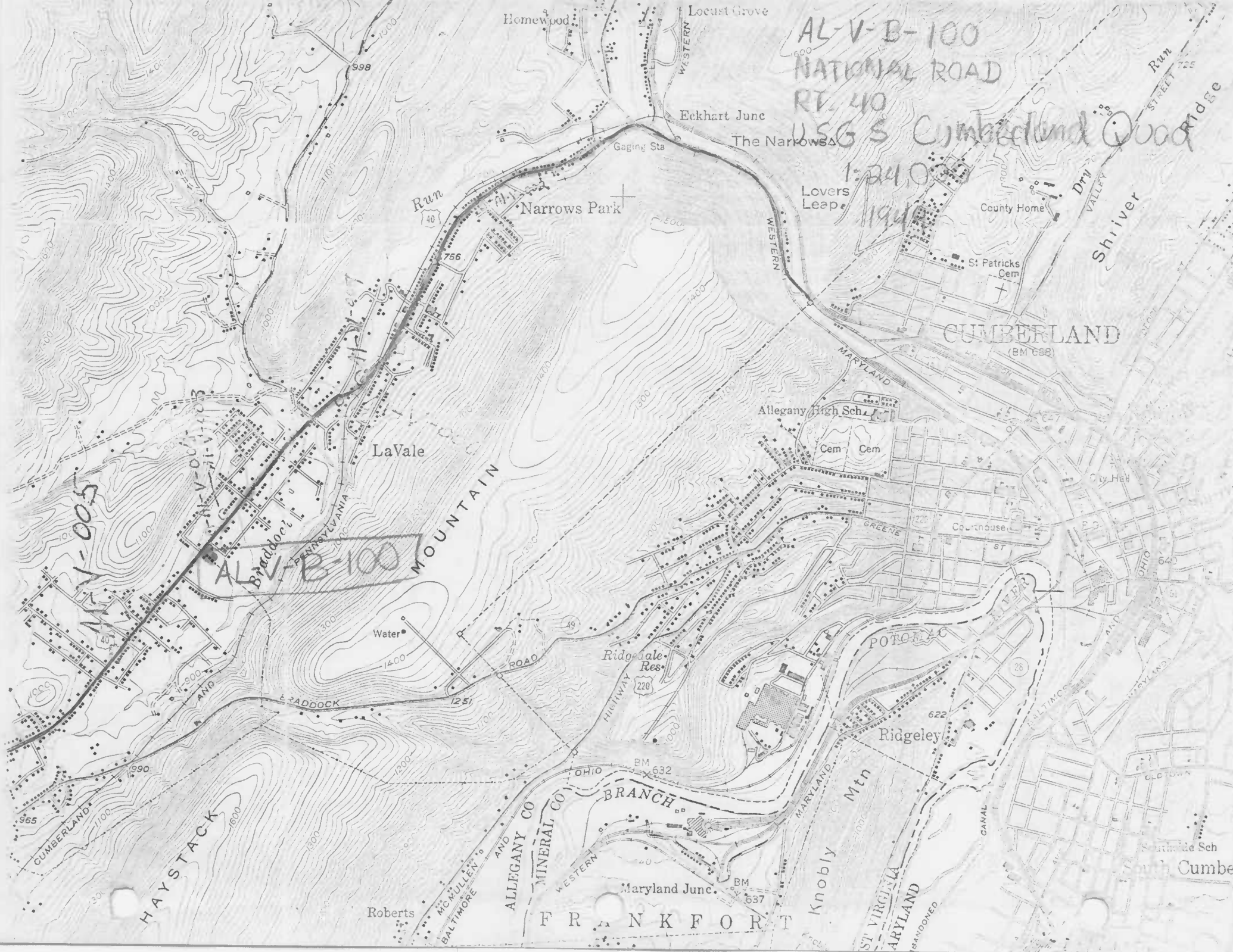
was the first of the Internal improvements undertaken by the United States Government. Surveys were authorized in 1806 over the route of "Braddock's Road" which followed "Nemacolin's Path" and Indian trail, over which George Washington traveled in 1754 to Fort Le Boeuf.

(SRC) Rt. 40 west - near Library (Old State Police Barracks) La Vale, Md.

[Hazel G. Hansrote]

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| 1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ | | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY | |
| ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____ | | 2. NAME <u>National Road</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>NAI #005923315</u> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____ | |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION | | 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE | |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC | | | |
| <p>(4A) <u>National Road</u></p> <p>This famous highway was the first internal improvement undertaken by the Federal Government and is therefore historically important as the first federally financed road. Used by the pioneers as the main route to the Ohio Valley, it was surveyed in 1806 over the route of Braddock's Road and Nemacolin Trail, over which George Washington had traveled to Fort LeBoeuf as early as 1754. The State Roads Commission has placed a marker on the National Highway at Grant's Drive in LaVale.</p> | | | |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior | | | |
| <p>** Source: <u>Historic Landmarks in Allegany County</u> A Staff Report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland Jan. 1965</p> | | | |
| 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) | | 7. PHOTOGRAPH | |
| 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. ** | | 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD | |

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE





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THE NATIONAL ROAD

ROUTE 40 AND GRANT STREET, LAVALLE

WILLIAM J. PRATT

12/28/77

NORTHEAST